(d) Irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own budgetary resources. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any sector of development or to any project. Initial expenditure on externally-aided projects is incurred by the State Government and subsequently reimbursement obtained from donor agency. The concerned State(s) are to provide adequate budget provision to the respective externally assisted project(s) so as to ensure completion in given time.

Multi barrage project on Godavari River

1316. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored a multi barrage project on Godavari River between Polavaram and Bhadrachalam in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when this survey was done and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received in Central Water Commission.

Amount spent on ONG Irrigation Project in Orissa

1317. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent till date on ONG Irrigation Project in Orissa;

(b) whether any period has been fixed for completing the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The expenditure upto March 1996 on ONG Stage-I and ONG Dam (Chiroli) in Orissa is Rs. 21.41 crores and Rs. 2.42 crores respectively.

(b) and (c) ONG Stage-I is in advance stage of completion and ONG Dam (Chiroli) is an unapproved project.

Preventive Measures to check floods in Punjab anbd Andhra Pradesh

1318. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to take preventive measures to check recurring floods in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take similar preventive measures to check recurring floods in Andhra Pradesh and other States of country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Under the constitution, Irrigation and Flood control are State subjects. Their planning, execution and funding is done Assistance, Priventive measures to check floods in Punjab are taken by the State Government. However Ministry of Water Resources has been providing Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 crores annually on an average in the flood sector to the Government of Punjab for construction of flood protection works along Indo-Pak border on rivers Ravi and Sutlej. Ministry of Home Affairs has also released Rs. 11 crores to the Government of Punjab in February, 1997 for construction of Flood Management Works on river Ravi and Sutlej.

(c) and (d) In order to examine the problems of flood and flood management, Government of India constituted five regional task forces on 30.9.1996 with the participation of very senior officers from the Centre and State Governments of the region to examine the regional flood problem in detail, review existing remedial measures adopted so far and recommend measures for comprehensive solutions to the problem including better maintenance of existing